

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of April 13, 2007 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that the surface of the print media which is printed on by the printhead integrated circuits and the surface of the print media which is contacted by the print media guide is the same surface. Support for this amendment can be found at page 12, lines 23-27 and in Fig. 3 of the present application; and

dependent claims 2-4 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-4 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by previously cited Silverbrook '908 in view of newly cited Silverbrook (US 2002/0180834), for at least the following reasons.

As discussed above, independent claim 1 has been amended to specifically recite that the same surface of the print media is printed on by the printhead integrated circuits and contacted by the print media guide, as is described at page 12, lines 23-27 and illustrated in Fig. 3 of the present application.

On the other hand, as previously discussed by the Applicant, the nozzle shield disclosed by Silverbrook '908 does not disclose any specific structure which guides print media over the Memjet chips 18, and newly cited Silverbrook '834 illustrates in Fig. 7 a platen (which is cited by the Examiner as purportedly corresponding to the claimed slanted guide) which is arranged opposite the print assembly to support the print media whilst being printed (see paragraphs [0063]-[0065] of Silverbrook '834).

Thus, in any combination of Silverbrook '908 and '834 one of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to arrange the platen of Silverbrook '834 to contact the same surface of the print media which is to be printed on by the Memjet chips of Silverbrook '908, as is required by amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-4 dependent therefrom.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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